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TO: FDA Commissioner Jane E. Henney
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RE: Antibiotics in Animal Feed

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Dear Ms. Henney:

The increasing failure of antibiotics to be able to fight bacteria is becoming alarmingly critical. Bacteria are starting to become immune to even the newest drug, Synercid. This is in part due to the fact that a closely related drug, virginiamycin has been routinely fed to poultry to speed their growth for over a decade.

We must prohibit producers from routinely adding medically important antibiotics to animal feed to promote growth now. Tomorrow may be too late!

Will our government leaders continue to sacrifice people's lives so those producers can fatten up their livestock faster and make more money? All that seems to matter is supporting those who give the most money to keep their political careers alive!

As the FDA Commissioner, I hope you can put the people first. Thank you.

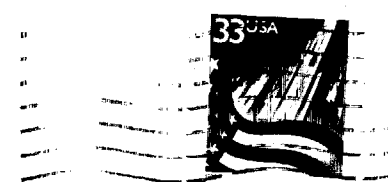
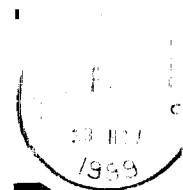
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